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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Benson's Water Infrastructure Improvements. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Benson located at 303 E. Church Street Benson, NC 27504.

The Town of Benson would use this funding to execute two phases of its water system improvement plan. Specifically, this funding will be used for pipe repairs and water system upgrades due to the expiration of the existing pipes' useful life spans. This project will fund water main piping, gate valves and boxes, steel encasement, connection to the existing water line, tapping sleeves and valves, new fire hydrants, curb and gutter repair, erosion control, and other items.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in water system improvements can have significant benefits for public health and safety. By investing in pipe repairs and water system upgrades, the Town of Benson can address aging and deteriorating infrastructure, reduce the risk of water leaks, contamination, and service disruptions, and improve the overall efficiency and reliability of the system. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Wiley Nickel

Member of Congress